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On this fine wintery day, Henry Cat enjoys a cross-country ride upon his sledge. It is propelled by faithful little Milton Mouse who pushes the heavy vehicle at high speed. On the steepest hill in the country, Milton loses his footing and the sledge bearing the lazy Henry, starts to slide downwards. But, Milton gets a second wind and soon sends the sledge over the top. The two coast down the other side of the giant hill and gain such momentum that they glide over several peaks. Then, they whirl through the air and fall into a pump water tub at which Farmer Al. Falfa is fishing. He is much perturbed at the intrusion and promptly kicks Henry and Milton into a huge snow drift. Digging their way out they go back to the Farmer. Now, Al is doing a regular fancy dance in an effort to grab an elusive sardine, that jumped out of the tub. Just as Al catches the sardine, it slips out of his hands into the open mouth of Henry Cat. This again enrages the Farmer and once more he forcibly sends the pair on their way. Just as Al is settling down to a quiet session of angling, Sam Slicker a traveling salesman comes up. He tries to sell Al some Hokem liniment. To give a practical demonstration he gives himself a knock on the head with a hammer and then reduces the bump with a few drops of Hokem liniment. Al is not interested and delivers a telling blow which knocks the salesman yards away. Observing Henry and Milton, Slicker seeks their aid in making a sale. He gives the pair a trick chair and they agree to do some stunts before Al's window. When the Farmer looks out, Henry and Milton do an act of hand balancing and tumbling. Al thinks the pair crazy until Sam Slicker comes up disguised as a theatrical promoter, and very audibly offers the performers a forty weeks contract in vaudeville at \$2,000 per. Al is flabber-gasted and thoughts of big money scamper about his brain. Henry and Milton immediately follow the "Vaudeville Manager". They no sooner leave, than Al brings out a chair and a bottle. He places a leg of the chair in the neck of the bottle and perches himself upon the back of the chair. He proves so clever a gymnast that he goes up on the roof to repeat the stunt. His feats while balancing the chair upon the lofty gable are wondrous to behold until he loses his balance and falls through the air, pellmell. He holds on to the chair, however, and lands upon Mrs. Pig, who starts down the road with Al "sitting pretty" on her back. Her three little porkers keep pace with mother. As the racing pig rounds a sharp turn in the road, Dick Donkey throws up his hind legs and kicks Al into the air. The Farmer lands upon a wagon of T.N.T. explosive. He is unable to stop the fleet horse and soon crashes into the powder house. An explosion follows which sends Al back to his old water tub. His chair crashes down upon his head and raises a bump. Now, all the while Sam Slicker, Henry and Milton have been watching what has happened. The salesman runs up to Al and the old Gentleman is only

too glad to have the slick salesman apply bottle after bottle of Hokem liniment to his bruised head. By his clever manipulations, Sam Slicker makes a big sale, and thus we learn the moral:

"A Good Salesman Creates His Own Sales".

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